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## Department of Parks and Recreation Play Day

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Friday September 18, 2009 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

When DCPS Chancellor Michelle Rhee unveiled the 2009-2010 school calendar last year, she announced that there would be five Fridays throughout the school year during which DCPS teachers would receive on-site professional development and school would be closed for students. The first of these professional development days is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2009.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is working in partnership with DCPS to offer structured, supervised programming in many of our recreation facilities during these scheduled professional development days. I am excited to announce our first ever “DPR Play Day” on Friday, September 18 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm for youth in grades K-8 in 26 DPR sites throughout the city.

All camps will include organized games, academic enrichment, and fun activities for registered youth. We will also offer several specialty camps with a focus on physical fitness, video game production, and tennis instruction, as well as several others that will be sponsored by DCPS and DPR partnered community-based organizations. Additional information describing the program offerings and locations available for the 18<sup>th</sup> will be posted online at <http://www.dpr.dc.gov>. Families are welcome to register their children in the program of their choice.

In order to guarantee a spot for your child on the 18<sup>th</sup>, please complete the attached *Registration Form* and return it to the front desk attendant at the recreation center hosting the program you would like for your child to attend. ***Space is limited, so we encourage early registration.*** We will closely monitor enrollment trends leading up to the 18<sup>th</sup> and will work to make adjustments as needed.

Both breakfast and lunch will be available to students, but students may also bring their own bagged lunch and/or snack. We ask that all students come dressed appropriately for indoor and outdoor play. We recommend comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 202-673-7647. We are eager to provide DCPS youth with a safe, exciting, and fun-filled experience on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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